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SUBJECT: ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ON MARIANAS

- COVENANT

FOR STATUS LNO

COMTWELVE PASS TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

1. ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL LEGISLATION MET AFTERNOON DECEMBER 16 TO CONSIDER MARIANAS COVENANT BUT DEFERRED VOTE UNTIL JANUARY DUE TO PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS ON SENATE FLOOR. SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON OBJECTIONS TO COVENANT WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, FEDERAL PROGRAMS, APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX, AND MILITARY LAND REQUIREMENTS. QUESTION OF DEFERRING SENATE ACTION UNTIL COMPLETION OF STATUS AGREEMENT FOR ENTIRE TTPI ALSO DISCUSSED. SENATORS PRESENT AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIRED FOR STUDY AND INSTRUCTED STAFF TO RESCHEDULE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE IN FIRST COUPLE DAYS AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES ON JANUARY 19. IN MEANTIME, STAFF INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAVING BLANK SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AND CIRCULATE

AMONG MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF
ISSUES.

2. FULL COMMITTEE VOTE WILL FOLLOW ACTION BY SUBCOMMITTEE
AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES IN JANUARY. ACTION BY FULL
ARMED SERVICES AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES SCHEDULED
FOR COMPLETION BY JANUARY 27, AT WHICH TIME COVENANT WILL
GO TO FULL SENATE.

3. STATUS LNO MAY WISH TO PASS THIS INFO TO MPSC AND MDL
LEADERSHIP AND MNS.

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